

**Table 7: Motions**

Deadlines for Filing Motions—What are the deadlines for filing motions and when are they set?

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M.D. Ala.	Yes	IA	IA	IA	IA	
N.D. Ala.	IA	Judges will continue to use practices enabling prompt resolution of discovery disputes. Any judge not currently holding monthly motion dockets will, if need arises, consider instituting that practice in order to monitor pending motions. District judges will refer discovery disputes to a magistrate judge if that reference may facilitate an early and full consideration of the merits of the dispute.	IA	IA	IA	

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S.D. Ala.	IA	IA	IA	IA	IA	The court will consider recommendations by the local rules committee regarding a judge's discretionary authority to decide motions without oral argument.
D. Alaska	Dispositive motions should be filed, if not disposed of, within 12 months of filing.	IA  Loc. R. 7.1(K)	The court will seriously consider issuing summary disposition orders.	IA	IA	The court will screen routine, uncomplicated motions ready for consideration to dispose of them. This screening will be second priority (after consideration of applications for emergency relief such as temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions). The court will continue to issue quarterly reports on matters under advisement. The court will seriously consider rejecting motion briefs that are inadequate. The court referred the question of page limitations on motion briefs to its local rules committee. The court will be sensitive to whether requests for expedited consideration are hampering the timely disposition of previously filed dispositive motions.
D. Ariz.	Yes	IA	IA	IA	There is a presumption of no oral argument for nondispositive motions unless the court grants a request by a party for oral argument.	

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E.D. Ark.	IA	IA	IA	IA	IA	
W.D. Ark.	IA	IA	IA	IA	IA	
C.D. Cal.	IA Loc. R. 6.4.2	IA Loc. R. 32	IA	IA Loc. R. 7.2	IA Loc. R. 7.5	
E.D. Cal.	IA  Loc. R. 240 (10/84; Revised 5/91)	IA	The court is experimenting with tentative rulings.	IA  Loc. R. 230(a) (10/84; Revised 5/91)	IA  Loc. R. 230(b) (10/84; Revised 5/91) Loc. R. 230(c) (10/84; Revised 5/91) Loc. R. 230(d) (10/84; Revised 5/91) Loc. R. 230(h) (10/84; Revised 5/91)	
N.D. Cal.	The court includes deadlines in its standard checklist for the case management proposal (see Table 2).  General Order 34 § VIII G; General Order 34 § IX H; General Order 34 § X H (1/1/92; Revised 1/1/93, 12/1/93, 1/18/94)	IA	The court will explore the feasibility of implementing a system for issuing tentative rulings as part of the Case Management Pilot Program.  General Order 34 § XIV (1/1/92; Revised 1/1/93, 12/1/93, 1/18/94)	IA	IA	
S.D. Cal.	Deadlines are set in the case management order.	IA	IA	IA	IA	
D. Colo.	IA  Loc. R. 29.1(11)	IA	IA	IA	IA	Attorneys will confer on disputed matters prior to filing motions. When filing any motions, except to dismiss or for summary judgment, attorneys will certify that they have made efforts to resolve the dispute without court intervention.  Loc. R. 7.1

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D. Conn.	IA  Standing Order on Scheduling in Civil Cases (1986)	IA	IA	IA	IA	
D. Del.	Deadlines for filing motions are set by the scheduling order.  Loc. R. 16.2 (Revised 1/95)	IA	IA	IA	IA	Parties must file briefs in support of motions at the time motions are filed.  Loc. R. 7.1.2 (Revised 1/95)
D.D.C.	Each judge will establish as his or her policy that all motions will be heard and decided promptly.	Each judge will establish as his or her policy that all findings of fact or conclusions of law will be promptly rendered in noninjury cases. The court will endeavor to issue bench opinions where appropriate.	IA	IA	IA	Each judge will require counsel planning to make a nondispositive motion to discuss the motion, in person or by telephone, with opposing counsel in a good faith effort to reduce or eliminate the areas of disagreement.  Loc. R. 108(m) (3/1/94)
M.D. Fla.	Yes—in the scheduling order (PD)	The revised Loc. R. 3.01 establishes a deadline of 180 days for dispositive motions. The movant will file a “Notice to the Court” after the expiration of the deadline and after every additional 30 days in which the motions remains undecided. A copy of the notice is also sent to the chief judge.  Loc. R. 3.01 (7/1/84; Revised 12/1/92, 2/1/94)	IA	CR	Yes (PD)	
N.D. Fla.	Deadlines for filing motions are established in the scheduling order. (PD)	Judges should rule on nondispositive motions within 60 days after the opposing party’s response has been filed.	IA	IA	IA	The clerk will monitor the progress of motions.

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	Loc. R. 7.1(C) (Proposed) Loc. R. 54.2 (Proposed) Loc. R. 56.1 (Proposed)	This deadline is increased to 120 days for dispositive motions. If oral argument has been granted, a ruling should be made either within the above-mentioned deadlines or within 30 days after oral argument, whichever is longer. Loc. R. 54.2 (Proposed)		Loc. R. 6(D) (Revised 84) Loc. R. 7.1(D) (Proposed)	Loc. R. 6 (Revised 84) Loc. R. 7.1 (Proposed)	Loc. R. 54.1 (Proposed) Loc. R. 54.2 (Proposed) Loc. R. 56.1 (Proposed)
S.D. Fla.	The scheduling order will set a date certain for filing all pretrial motions and a time framework for their disposition.  Loc. R. 16.1(B) (2/15/93)	Under the district's pre-CJRA informal case management system, judges must rule promptly on all motions.	IA	IA	IA	The court encourages counsel and litigants to follow local rule provisions that, upon written notice by counsel at the expiration of a 60-day period, the court will set a hearing on any motion or other matter that has been pending and fully briefed with no hearing for 90 days or longer.  Loc. R. 7.1(B)3 (2/15/93)
M.D. Ga.	The court will not at this time adopt deadlines for filing motions.	The court establishes an aspirational goal of 90 days after the close of briefing for the issuance of rulings.	IA  Loc. R. 3.5 (6/2/93)	IA	IA	
N.D. Ga.	PD  Loc. R. 235-3 (1/1/85; Revised 7/1/92)	IA	IA	IA	IA	The court will monitor proposed amendments to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and adjust its local rules as may be appropriate.

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S.D. Ga.	PD  Loc. R. 6.8 (1/82; Revised 6/94); Renumbered Loc. R. 7.4 Loc. R. 7.1 (Revised 6/94); Renumbered Loc. R. 16	IA	IA	IA	IA	
D. Guam	For motions for which oral argument is requested, the notice of motion and motion papers will be served on each of the parties and filed with the clerk not later than 21 days before the scheduled oral argument.  Loc. R. 220 Loc. R. 235-3(d)	IA	IA	IA      Loc. R. 125-3 (1983)	Briefs or memoranda in support of or in opposition to any pending motion are limited to a total of 20 pages without the leave of the court. The moving party may file a reply memorandum not in excess of 5 pages. All briefs or memoranda in excess of 15 pages will contain a table of authorities.  Loc. R. 220-7 (5/31/94; Revised 9/12/94)	
D. Haw.	Deadlines for filing motions are in the scheduling order issued at the scheduling conference. (PD)  Loc. R. 220-1 (11/91)	IA   Loc. R. 220-3 (11/91)	IA	None	IA	
D. Idaho	The deadline for the filing of motions is set in the scheduling order.	The court adopts the general goal that motions should be disposed of within 60 days after completion of briefing for motions decided upon the briefs or within 60 days after the hearing date for motions on which there is oral argument.	IA	CR	IA	Irrespective of time frames, the quality of the court's ruling will always be of utmost importance. Requests by attorneys to extend briefing periods must be in writing and state the reason for the request with specificity.

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C.D. Ill.	IA  Loc. R. 2.10 (1/92) Loc. R. 2.11 (1/92; Revised 1/94)	The court sets a goal of ruling on all pending motions within 60 days of being at issue. All discovery motions or nondispositive motions will be ruled on as soon as possible. All judges will entertain emergency oral discovery motions by telephone.	IA	IA	IA	Summary motions will be heard and decided by district judges and not by magistrate judges by report and recommendation.
N.D. Ill.	The court proposes to amend the Standing Order to allow judges to establish a motions timetable.	IA	IA	IA  Loc. Gen. R. 12	IA	The Advisory Group recommended that Loc. Gen. R. 12 be revised to make clear that different judges may have different requirements for motions. The court encourages oral rulings on motions and bench trials.
S.D. Ill.	The filing of potential motions and a schedule for their disposition are discussed at the initial pretrial and scheduling conference.	Rulings on all motions should be issued 45 days after submission of the response or, if a hearing is held, 45 days after the hearing.  Loc. R. 5(e) (5/92; Revised 3/94)	IA	IA	IA	If an oral argument is set, the judicial officer may, at the request of one or more parties, authorize a telephone hearing.  Loc. R. 5(e) (5/92; Revised 3/94)
N.D. Ind.	On a case-by-case basis, the judicial officer will set deadlines at the pretrial conference for the filing of dispositive motions after inviting the attorneys' views. Deadlines can only be changed for good cause shown.	The court declined to adopt such a requirement. However, each judge will attempt to resolve any motion within 30 days after the completion of the later of briefing or hearing.	IA	IA  Loc. R. 40.4(c)	IA	The court has sought amendments to the local rules to abolish the requirement that summary judgment motions and responses be accompanied by statements of facts not in dispute, proposed conclusions of law, and disputed facts.  Loc. R. 56.1

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S.D. Ind.	Summary judgment motions should be filed and completely briefed no less than 90 days prior to the scheduled trial date in complex cases and 60 days prior to the scheduled trial date in other cases.	In ruling on motions, the court should give high priority to summary judgment motions in cases scheduled for trial within 60 days. If a summary judgment motion has not been resolved within 30 days of a scheduled trial date, the motion will be decided by that date and the trial rescheduled for at least 30 and no more than 90 days after the previously scheduled trial date. The court should also give high priority to motions addressed to the issue of whether the court is the proper forum (e.g., venue, personal and subject matter jurisdiction).	IA	IA	IA	The court may deny any motion for award of attorney's fees, motion for sanctions, or motion for attorney disqualification unless the counsel for the moving party files with the motion a separate statement showing that a reasonable effort has been made to reach agreement with the opposing attorney or attorneys on the matters set forth in the motion.
N.D. Iowa	IA	The court will make every effort to rule on all motions within 120 days of filing.	IA	IA	IA Loc. R. 7.1	Loc. R. 5.1 Loc. R. 7.5 Loc. R. 56.1
S.D. Iowa	IA	IA	IA	IA	IA	



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D. Kan.	The court has initiated procedures to modify Loc. R. 206, to give a moving party more time to file a reply memorandum.	The court adopts these goals for judicial rulings: 1. nondispositive motions in prisoner cases should be ruled upon within 90 days of filing; 2. most other nondispositive motions should be ruled upon within 60 days of filing; and 3. most dispositive motions should be ruled upon within 120 days of filing a reply brief.	IA	IA  Loc. R. 206(d) (Revised 5/92)	IA	
E.D. Ky.	Deadlines for filing dispositive motions are discussed at the mandatory status conference.	Certain civil motions referred to magistrate judges for report and recommendation will automatically revert back to the court if not ruled on within 90 days of submission.	IA	IA	IA  Loc. R. 6(b)(1) Loc. R. 6(c)	IA
W.D. Ky.	IA	Dispositive motions should be decided well in advance of trial when possible.	IA	IA	IA	
E.D. La.	All pretrial motions will be filed and served in sufficient time to permit hearing thereon no later than 30 days prior to trial date.	Motions will be decided by the presiding judicial officer as soon as practicable.	IA	IA  Loc. R. 2.01E (5/89)	IA  Loc. R. 2.14 (5/89)	Motions for postponement of trial will be accompanied by a certificate of an attorney of record that the client has been advised by the signing attorney that the attorney has consented to a motion to continue the trial and that the client has been provided with a copy of the motion.

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	Loc. R. 16(c)				Loc. R. 19(e) Loc. R. 19(d)	some assistance. Loc. R. 19(f)
D. Md.	IA	The deadlines are 7 days for rulings in discovery disputes and 60 days for motions to dismiss or for summary judgment.	Tentative rulings are encouraged at the outset of hearings.	IA	IA  Loc. R. 105.3	
D. Mass.	At the earliest practicable time, the judicial officer will establish a framework for the disposition of motions. This framework may include deadlines or time frames for filing motions.  Loc. R. 7.1(A)(1) (10/92)	The court will rule on motions as soon as practicable. Motions may be decided without oral hearing.  Loc. R. 7.1(A)(3) (10/92) Loc. R. 7.1(F) (9/90)	IA	IA	A memorandum in support of a motion may not exceed 20 pages unless otherwise ordered.  Loc. R. 7.1(B)(4) (9/90)	No motion will be filed unless counsel certify that they have conferred and attempted in good faith to resolve or narrow the issue.  Loc. R. 7.1(A)(2) (10/92)
E.D. Mich.	IA	IA	IA	IA	IA	The court rejected Advisory Group recommendations that the local rules be revised to mandate oral hearings on motions, that magistrate judges be allowed to render final decisions on dispositive motions upon consent of the parties, and that all pretrial deadlines be suspended in cases in which a motion has remained undecided for more than 60 days.
W.D. Mich.	IA	A stay on judicial proceedings should be entered, if a motion is made by one or more parties, after a motion has remained in court without decision for more than 60 days	IA	IA	IA	

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D. Minn.	Deadlines for filing motions are set in the scheduling order issued after the initial scheduling conference.  Loc. R. 7.1 (2/91)	The judicial officer will develop a case management plan that provides for the timely disposition of pretrial motions.	IA	IA	IA	
N.D. Miss.	Discovery motions must be filed so as not to affect the discovery deadline.	The court will strive for a deadline of 60 days and will periodically review motion practice and explore innovative approaches.	IA	IA	PD	Priority will be given to discovery motions, discovery appeals, motions to remand and other jurisdictional motions.
S.D. Miss.	Discovery motions must be filed so as not to affect the discovery deadline.	The court will strive for a deadline of 60 days and will periodically review motion practice and explore innovative approaches.	IA	IA	PD	Priority will be given to discovery motions, discovery appeals, motions to remand, and other jurisdictional motions.
E.D. Mo.	IA	To avoid delays, the moving party will notify the clerk of any motion that is not decided within 60 days after the last response is filed or due.	IA	IA	IA	
W.D. Mo.	Parties are required to include in the proposed scheduling order a date limiting the filing of motions to amend the pleadings and a date limiting the filing of any other motion.  Loc. R. 15H (1/83; Revised 1/84, 9/92, 7/94)	If summary judgment motions are not decided within 60 days after the final reply suggestions are filed, oral argument on the motion will be scheduled for the earliest possible date. If the motion is not decided during oral argument, the court will advise counsel when a ruling can be anticipated.	IA	IA	All suggestions in support of or in opposition to motions will be limited to 15 pages without prior approval of the court. Reply suggestions will be limited to 10 pages.	The format of summary judgment motions is standardized with separate numbered paragraphs setting forth each disputed or undisputed fact and citations to the record where the referenced fact may be found.  Loc. R. 13A, 13G (2/46; Revised 1/58, 1/83, 12/86, 10/92)

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D. Mont.	Deadlines for filing of all pretrial motions are set in the case management plan.	If a civil motion has been pending for more than 60 days, the clerk will advise the judicial officer of the pendency of the motion. If a decision is not rendered after 30 more days, the judicial officer will issue a report on the status of the motion.	IA	IA	No motion memorandum will exceed 20 pages, exclusive of exhibits, except with the prior approval of the court.	
	Loc. R. 235-1(a)	Loc. R. 220-7		Loc. R. 220-1	Loc. R. 220-7	
D. Neb.	The court will require parties to file motions in limine on or before the date of the pretrial conference. The court will rule on those motions in limine that, if granted, would eliminate substantial issues or substantial evidentiary showings at trial prior to the trial.	The court intends that dispositive motions be decided within 60 days of their submission. Generally, motions will be decided in this order: 1. post-trial motions; 2. preanswer, dispositive procedural motions; 3. preanswer motions to dismiss on substantive legal grounds; 4. motions for judgment on the pleadings; 5. motions for summary judgment; and 6. other motions.	IA	IA  Loc. R. 7.1(e) (Revised 1/93) Loc. R. 78.1	IA	Consideration will be given to conducting hearings on motions by telephone. When motions for summary judgment are denied on the ground that a genuine issue of material fact exists for trial, the court will issue a short opinion so stating rather than a lengthy opinion that canvasses the material on file in support of or in opposition to the motion.
D. Nev.	Motions without a responsive memorandum filed by the deadline will be forwarded to the judicial officer without it.	Yes (PD)	CR	CR	IA  Loc. R. 140	The court will study the possibility of hearing oral arguments and issuing bench rulings more frequently.
D.N.H.	Motions in limine should be filed, to the extent they can be anticipated, with final pretrial statements. The timing and filing of dispositive motions will	CR	IA	IA	There is a 25-page limit for legal memoranda on all motions. Exceptions to the 25-page limitation will be considered upon motion by counsel.	

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D.N.J.	The date for filing dispositive motions is set in the scheduling order.  Gen. R. 15B.3(d) (12/91)	IA	IA	IA  Gen. R. 12C (10/84)	No reply papers on discovery motions will be allowed without permission of the magistrate judge.  Gen. R. 15F.3 (10/84 as Gen. R. 15C.2) Gen. R. 27B (Revised 9/91)	
D.N.M.	For cases in the complex track, the earliest possible motion schedule is set at the scheduling conference.	Each judge should consider adopting a policy of ruling on dispositive motions within 60 days following oral argument or after the reply deadline.	IA	IA	IA	
E.D.N.Y.	IA  Arb. R., § 4(a) (Revised 1/21/93) Civ. R. 3 Motion Rules of Individual Judges	Motions will be decided within a reasonable time. If pending for more than 6 months, the clerk's office will contact the judge regarding the status of the motion (and report its findings to the parties). The clerk will continue to do so at 3-month intervals.	IA  Motion Rules of Individual Judges	IA	IA	Judges are asked not to schedule for hearing more motions than can be heard within a reasonable period during a day. For dispositive motions, the court will convene a premotion conference at the request of the parties or on its own order. If not held within 4 weeks after the request, the motion may be made without a prior conference. The court will expand Standing Order 6 to allow letter submissions for other than just discovery motions. A motion filed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 must be a separate application to the court.

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N.D.N.Y.	Motion deadlines are set in the uniform order, which is issued by the court after the initial pretrial hearing. Motion deadlines can only be extended upon showing of good cause by a party.	When possible, all motions will be decided within 60 days and a monitoring system will be implemented to inquire about motions pending for longer than this period. The court may also put a stay on all proceedings in which motions have been pending for 60 days or more.	IA	IA	IA	Oral argument will not be held on nondispositive motions, unless directed by the court. In this situation the moving party will be able to file reply papers without leave of the court. Oral argument will be held on dispositive motions and the moving party must obtain motion before serving reply papers.
S.D.N.Y.	IA	All motions will be decided within 60 days of final submission. Those not decided in 60 days should be reported by the judicial officer in a quarterly report to be circulated to all members of the court and Advisory Group.	IA	IA	Loc. R. 7.1(c) In standard and complex cases, discovery issues should be resolved by expedited letter submission (no more than 2 double-spaced pages), or by telephone or personal conference after a good faith effort at resolution by all parties.	Loc. R. 7.1
W.D.N.Y.	Cut-off dates for filing motions will be discussed at the first discovery conference and included in the court's scheduling order.	Each motion will be targeted for decision within 60 days.	IA	IA	IA	
E.D.N.C.	The deadline for filing dispositive motions is 90 days prior to trial.	IA	IA	IA	IA	No written response is required to motions in limine filed after the pretrial conference. The request for discovery stipulations form will be revised to include a question regarding the possibility of filing dispositive motions.

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M.D.N.C.	A notice of intent to file a summary judgment motion must be filed within 20 days of the end of discovery.  Loc. R. 206	If the court has not ruled on a pretrial motion by the time of trial, it will do so at the outset of the trial.  Loc. R. 206(e)	IA	IA	IA          Loc. R. 206	
W.D.N.C.	All motions except motions in limine and motions to continue will be filed no later than 30 days after the date set for completion of discovery.  Loc. R. 8	Motions that are filed prior to the last responsive pleading and have the effect of tolling the progress of the case pending disposition of such motions will be ruled on by the court within 30 days.	IA	IA	IA	The clerk will advise the assigned judicial officer of motions that have been under advisement more than 60 days.
D.N.D.	IA	There is a 60-day benchmark for the disposition of all motions, to be measured from the date of filing of the last brief or supporting material. The court can waive this rule in exceptional circumstances.	IA	IA	IA	
D. N. Mar. I.	The case management plan will provide time limits for filing motions.	IA	IA	IA       Loc. R. 220-1 Loc. R. 220-3	IA       Loc. R. 220-4	The parties may, by agreement, waive oral argument upon any motion. The court may, upon request of off-island counsel, allow oral argument upon a motion to be conducted by telephone.
N.D. Ohio	A deadline for filing motions may be set in the case management plan following the case	The judicial officer will render a ruling within 30 days of the time a nondispositive motion	The judicial officer may announce at the outset of any oral hearing his or her intended ruling	Part or all of a day will be set on a monthly or more frequent basis to hear and determine the	Without prior approval of the judicial officer, memoranda relating to dispositive motions will	When a judge determines that final adjudication of a dispositive motion



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	<p>management conference. All motions not made during a hearing or a trial must be made sufficiently in advance of the trial to avoid delay in the trial. Each party opposing a motion will serve and file a memorandum in opposition within 10 days after service of the motion. The moving party may serve and file a reply memorandum within 5 days after service of the memorandum in opposition.</p> <p>Loc. R. 8:4.2(a)(8) (1/1/92; Revised 6/9/92, 12/1/93)  Loc. R. 8:4.2(c) (1/1/92; Revised 6/9/92, 12/1/93)  Loc. R. 8:8.1(b) (1/1/92; Revised 6/9/92)  Loc. R. 8:8.1(d) (1/1/92; Revised 6/9/92)  Loc. R. 8:8.1(e) (1/1/92; Revised 6/9/92)</p>	<p>comes at issue and within 60 days for dispositive motions. A list of motions that have been heard but not ruled upon beyond these time limits will be published by the court once a month. Discovery will be suspended until these motions are decided and track deadlines will be adjusted at the request of a party where the interests of justice so require.</p> <p>Loc. R. 8:8.3(b) (1/1/92)</p>	<p>and limit oral argument by parties to reasons why the preliminary ruling is correct or incorrect.</p> <p>Loc. R. 8:8.3(a) (1/1/92)</p>	<p>disposition of civil motions that, in the judgment of the judicial officer, can thereby be expedited.</p> <p>Loc. R. 8:8.1(a) (1/1/92)</p>	<p>not exceed 10 pages for expedited and administrative cases, 20 pages for standard cases, 30 pages for complex cases, and 40 pages for mass tort cases. Memoranda relating to all other motions will not exceed 15 pages.</p> <p>Loc. R. 8:8.1(f) (1/1/92; Revised 2/8/94)</p>	<p>would be expedited if referred to a magistrate judge for report and recommendation, such motion may be filed with a magistrate judge whose report and recommendation will be filed no later than 30 days after the date of referral.</p> <p>Loc. R. 8:8.2 (1/1/92; Revised 12/15/92, 2/8/94)</p>
S.D. Ohio	<p>IA</p> <p>Loc. R. 7.2(a)(2) (10/91)  Loc. R. 12.1 (10/91)</p>	<p>Each judicial officer will set the goal of deciding motions within 90 days after they are submitted and the goal of issuing rulings on dispositive motions not later than 1 week before the final pretrial order is due to be filed by counsel (provided that the judge has had a reasonable opportunity to rule on the motions prior to that time).</p>	IA	IA	IA	<p>Loc. R. 7.1(c)(2)(B) will be retained, establishing that parties may request that a motion be transferred to a magistrate judge 180 days after it is submitted.</p> <p>Loc. R. 7.1(c)(2)(B) (10/91)</p>

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N.D. Okla.	IA  Loc. R. 16.1(H)	The court will endeavor to rule more quickly on dispositive motions.	IA	IA	The court will continue its firm stance against dilatory motions.  Loc. R. 7.2(C) Loc. R. 7.2(F)	The court will consider limiting written expanded explanatory orders to deserving cases.  Loc. R. 7.1(G)
W.D. Okla.	Deadlines are set at the status/scheduling conference.  Loc. R. 17, Civil Status and Scheduling Conferences; Management (9/1/82; Revised 2/7/83, 5/20/83, 8/11/86, 12/31/91, 6/15/93, 4/20/94)	IA	IA	IA	IA          Loc. R. 13 (9/1/82) Loc. R. 14	
D. Or.	IA	IA       Loc. R. 205-2	IA	IA	IA	Unless otherwise allowed by the assigned judge, civil and criminal motions practice will be governed by Loc. R. 220. Motions filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 will be automatically referred to the district judge who sentenced the defendant. If unavailable, the clerk will use the sequential assignment system.
E.D. Pa.	The initial scheduling order should include a deadline for filing dispositive motions, set sufficiently in advance of trial so as not to interfere with trial preparation.	It is expected that dispositive motions will be decided promptly so as to reduce unnecessary costs to the litigants.	IA	IA	IA	

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M.D. Pa.	IA  Loc. R. 7.3 (Revised 11/88) Loc. R. 14.1 (Revised 11/88) Loc. R. 14.2 (Revised 11/88)	IA	IA	IA	IA	
W.D. Pa.	IA  Loc. R. 16.1.2A (10/93)	The court revised the local rules to set an ordinary deadline of 30 days for ruling on nondispositive motions without oral argument and without briefs, and 90 days for ruling on dispositive motions with briefs and oral argument. Any motion not resolved within 90 days will be set for oral argument by the clerk.  Loc. R. 7.1.E–F (10/93)	IA	IA	IA	
D.P.R.	The court will issue a case management order that establishes deadlines for filing pleadings, motions to amend pleadings, and/or to add parties.	IA	IA	IA	IA	
D.R.I.	Deadlines for filing discovery motions may be set during a pretrial conference.	IA	IA	IA	IA	
D.S.C.	PD	The court adopts a goal of resolving all motions as expeditiously as possible. No specific time frames are set by the CJRA Plan.	IA	IA	IA	The court will create judicial “SWAT” teams to handle motion backlogs. One or more judges (e.g., senior judges, visiting judges, or magistrates) will set aside several days to hear and rule on motions on another

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	Loc. R. 7.10 (12/1/93) Loc. R. 12.10 (12/1/93)					judge's docket. This procedure will be initiated at the request of the judge whose docket is backlogged. The court will also encourage the use of oral rulings and minute orders, acknowledge that it is fully appropriate to request a draft order from counsel for the prevailing party, and set forth guidelines for the use of proposed orders.
D.S.D.	Deadlines depend on the court's pretrial orders in each particular case.	IA	IA	IA	Oral argument requires a court order.  Loc. R. 7.1 (1992)	
E.D. Tenn.	IA	IA	IA	IA	IA	Unless the court notifies parties to the contrary, the parties will follow this briefing schedule: 1. opening brief and supporting material will be served and filed with the motion; 2. the answering brief and supporting materials will be filed no later than 10 days after service of the opening brief for nondispositive motions or 20 days for dispositive motions; and 3. any reply brief and supporting materials will be filed no later than 5 days after service of the answering brief. Briefs will not exceed 25 pages in length unless otherwise ordered by the court; reply briefs are not

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	Loc. R. 16.1					necessary and are not required by the court, and no supplemental briefs or other materials supporting or opposing a motion will be filed without prior approval of the court. All nondispositive motions will be accompanied by a certificate signed by counsel affirming that, after consultation, they are unable to reach an accord. With the imprimatur of the district judge to whom the case is assigned, parties may consent to the final resolution and entry of judgment on a dispositive motion by a magistrate judge.
M.D. Tenn.	Yes  Loc. R. 11(d)(1)(c)(6)(g) (3/94) Loc. R. 11(d)(2)(d) (3/94) Loc. R. 11(d)(2)(e) (3/94)	IA	IA	IA  Loc. R. 8(b)(1) (3/84)	No	The clerk will prepare a list of motions under advisement for 30, 60 and 90 days for circulation within the court.  Loc. R. 11(e)(1)(b) (3/94)
W.D. Tenn.	The court will enforce all time limits more strictly than has been the past practice. The agreement of all parties is not a sufficient basis for an extension or a continuance, except as permitted by local rule.	IA	IA	IA	IA	
E.D. Tex.	Deadlines for filing motions are set at the management conference.	Motions will be decided as soon as practicable, and in any event within 30 days after filing of	IA	IA	Motions cannot exceed 15 pages, including authorities.	

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		the response (for nondispositive motions). The court will employ its best efforts to dispose of dispositive motions within 60 days.				
N.D. Tex.	Local rule governs motion practice. Inter alia, local rule requires certificates of conference on most motions, sets deadlines for responses to motions and for replies to responses, limits the length of briefs, and provides for the form and content of certain motions (e.g., motions for summary judgment).  Loc. R. 5 (3/78; Revised 1/84, 12/88, 2/92)	IA	IA	IA	IA	The court will continue to insist upon proper motion practice.  Loc. R. 5 (3/78; Revised 1/84, 12/88, 2/92)
S.D. Tex.	The scheduling order entered at initial pretrial conference will include a time framework for resolution of motions.  Loc. R. 8 (5/88; Revised 1/92, 2/94)	IA	IA	IA	IA	Opposed motions must contain an averment that the movant has conferred with the respondent, and that counsel cannot agree about the disposition of the motion.  Loc. R. 6.A.4 (5/88)
W.D. Tex.	All motions to amend or supplement pleadings and all dispositive motions must be filed by the deadlines established in the scheduling order.	IA	IA	IA	All motions must be concise and may not exceed 10 pages in length without the leave of the court. The specific legal authorities relied upon by the party must be identified in the motion. The use of	If qualified immunity and/or Eleventh Amendment defenses are asserted, the party will raise it by motion within 90 days of the initial pleading.

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	Loc. R. CV-16 and Loc. R. Appendix B-1 (Revised 1/94)				short, letter briefs for responses and supplemental briefs is encouraged.  Loc. R. CV-7 (Revised 1/94)	Loc. R. CV-12 (Revised 1/94)
D. Utah	Target dates for filing motions may be set at the initial status and scheduling conference.	IA	IA	IA	IA  Loc. R. 202(c) Loc. R. 202(d)	No change in current practice is necessary.
D. Vt.	The discovery schedule filed by the parties will become the scheduling order provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b) with respect to the time limits for the completion of discovery and for filing and hearing motions. Within 30 days from the date of filing of the defendant's certified copy of the transcript of the record in Social Security appeals, the plaintiff will file its motions and supporting memoranda for summary judgment.	IA	IA	IA	IA	A party desiring to oppose the granting of a motion other than a summary judgment motion will file a brief or memorandum in opposition not later than 10 days after the service of such motion. A party desiring to oppose the granting of a summary judgment motion will file a brief or memorandum in opposition not later than 30 days after the service of such motion. The moving party will file a reply, if any, within 10 days of service of the opponent's papers.
D.V.I.	IA  Loc. R. 16.2(b) (7/21/92)	IA	IA	IA	IA	Parties adverse to a motion for summary judgment must respond within 20 days of the filing of the motion (or move for additional time). Otherwise, the court may render judgment on the merits.
E.D. Va.	PD  Loc. R. 12(C) (8/62; Revised 2/89)	IA  Loc. R. 12 (G) (8/62; Revised 1/80, 2/89)	IA	IA	IA	The court's efforts to control motions predate the CJRA.

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W.D. Va.	All dispositive motions must be fully briefed and brought on for a hearing or submitted for decision no later than 30 days before the trial date.	If the court is unable to issue a timely ruling so as to avoid undue expense on the part of the litigants in trial preparation, consideration should be given to continuing the trial.	IA	IA	IA	It will be the responsibility of the moving party to bring the motion on for a hearing.
E.D. Wash.	IA Loc. R. 7	IA	IA Loc. R. 7(a)	IA	IA	
W.D. Wash.	IA  Loc. R. CR 16(g)	The court will monitor the effectiveness of its recently adopted local rule requiring that motions be decided as soon as practicable and normally within 30 days of the “noting date.”	IA	IA	IA	The court will annually review its adherence to the recently adopted local rule requiring timely motion disposition by the court. The court will continue to hold motion hearings by telephone without the filing of motion papers at the request of any party.
N.D. W. Va.	IA  Loc. R. 2.13	IA	IA	IA  Loc. R. 2.10	IA	The clerk will promptly bring Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), Fed. R. Civ. P. 56, or discovery motions to the court’s attention. If not ruled on within 30 days of service, the set discovery period will be tolled (for the excess of 30 days) until the entry of a ruling order.
S.D. W. Va.	Deadlines for filing motions are established in the time frame order.	IA	IA	IA	All motions in civil actions will be concise and will state precisely the relief requested. Briefs or memoranda supporting any motion will be limited to no more than 20 pages without prior approval of the district or	The court will give priority to motions to dismiss. All nondispositive motions will be referred to a magistrate judge unless otherwise ordered by the district judge assigned to the case. Dispositive motions



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					magistrate judge.	may be referred to a magistrate judge upon the individual determination of the district judge.
	Loc. R. 2.01	Loc. R. 4.01	Loc. R. 4.01		Loc. R. 4.01	Loc. R. 4.01
E.D. Wis.	After a motion is filed, the opposing party has 21 days to answer. With summary judgment motions, the opposing party has 30 days to answer. On a showing of good cause, the court may extend the time limit for filing any brief.	The court will make every effort to resolve all dispositive motions within 6 months of the date on which the last brief is filed.	IA	IA	Except by permission of the court, principal briefs will not exceed 30 pages. Reply briefs will not exceed 15 pages.	Every motion will set forth the rules pursuant to which it is made and will be accompanied by a supporting brief or a certificate of counsel stating that no brief will be filed.
	Loc. R. 6.01(a) (Revised 1/1/92)			Loc. R. 6.07	Loc. R. 6.01(c) Loc. R. 6.05	Loc. R. 6.01(a) (Revised 1/1/92)
W.D. Wis.	Deadlines for the filing of dispositive motions will be set in the preliminary pretrial conference order.	IA	IA	IA	IA	Discovery disputes will be heard at the earliest practical time after a motion is filed.
D. Wyo.	IA	The court will implement operating procedures to provide for prompt ruling on dispositive motions. When possible, this will be at the close of oral argument, with the prevailing party immediately preparing an order. Dispositive motions will only be taken under advisement when complex issues exist. The chief judge will monitor the progress of dispositive motions to ensure they are promptly resolved. When appropriate, the court will consider	IA	IA	IA	The court will continue its practice of immediately referring nondispositive motions to the magistrate judge for hearing. Upon filing, the clerk will immediately refer dispositive motions to the district judge for a setting unless already set for hearing in the initial pretrial order. The clerk will continue to monitor: the filing of all motions (for immediate referral to the appropriate judge), the filing of briefs and responses (in cases where motions are scheduled to be

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		<p>staying all pretrial discovery proceedings during the pendency of motions filed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b).</p> <p>Loc. R. 78 (Revised 11/93)</p>				<p>determined without hearing), and all motions argued and taken under advisement. The clerk will continue to prepare a monthly status of pending motions report for each of the trial judges. The court will adopt a local rule to request counsel, prior to hearing on dispositive motions, to provide the court with the proposed finding of fact and conclusions of law, and orders supported by the record that reflect the positions taken by the parties at hearing. The magistrate judge will determine the time requirements at the initial pretrial conference. The court will continue to monitor the filing of motions and enforce existing rules to ensure the court's current policy of ready access to the court is not used for improper purposes, such as delay or harassment.</p> <p>Loc. R. 72 (Revised 11/92) Loc. R. 78 (Revised 11/93)</p>